

March 3, 1931.

[S. 5904.]

[Public, No. 798.]

**CHAP. 411.**—An Act Relating to the rate of wages for laborers and mechanics employed on public buildings of the United States and the District of Columbia by contractors and subcontractors, and for other purposes.

Labor wage rates.  
Public building contracts, involving \$5,000, etc., to contain provision governing.

Prevailing rate in city, etc., where building located to be minimum.

Reference if in dispute.

Proviso.  
Suspension in national emergency.

Effective date.

Contracts not affected.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every contract in excess of \$5,000 in amount, to which the United States or the District of Columbia is a party, which requires or involves the employment of laborers or mechanics in the construction, alteration, and/or repair of any public buildings of the United States or the District of Columbia within the geographical limits of the States of the Union or the District of Columbia, shall contain a provision to the effect that the rate of wage for all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any subcontractor on the public buildings covered by the contract shall be not less than the prevailing rate of wages for work of a similar nature in the city, town, village, or other civil division of the State in which the public buildings are located, or in the District of Columbia if the public buildings are located there, and a further provision that in case any dispute arises as to what are the prevailing rates of wages for work of a similar nature applicable to the contract which can not be adjusted by the contracting officer, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary of Labor for determination and his decision thereon shall be conclusive on all parties to the contract: *Provided*, That in case of national emergency the President is authorized to suspend the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect thirty days after its passage but shall not affect any contract then existing or any contract that may thereafter be entered into pursuant to invitations for bids that are outstanding at the time of the passage of this Act.

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[S. 5920.]

[Public, No. 799.]

**CHAP. 412.**—An Act Authorizing the attendance of the Army Band at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

Grand Army of the Republic.  
Army Band may attend encampment of, at Des Moines, Iowa.

Sum authorized.  
*Post*, p. 1629.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized to permit the United States Army Band to attend and give concerts at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, September 13 to 16, inclusive, 1931.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the band in attending such reunion there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$7,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

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[S. 6098.]

[Public, No. 800.]

**CHAP. 413.**—An Act Relating to the adoption of minors by the Crow Indians of Montana.

Crow Indians, Mont.  
Proceeding required for recognition of adopted heirs of deceased members.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter no person shall be recognized as an adopted heir of a deceased Indian of the Crow Tribe of Indians of Montana unless said adoption shall have been by a judgment or decree of a State court, or by a written adoption approved by the superintendent of the Crow Indian Agency